

Mr Barney delivers a petition from the president and directors of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, praying a portion of their capital may be laid out in the purchase of the public debt of the United States; which was read and referred to Messrs. Barney, J. P. Kennedy and Thos. Kennedy. Also a petition from John Patterson, praying permission to introduce negro slaves into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Barney, Showers and J. P. Kennedy. Also a memorial from Isaac M. Kim, and William D. M. Kim, praying for a law for the benefit of M. Kim's School; which was read and referred to Messrs. Barney, Orrick and J. P. Kennedy.

On motion by Mr J. B. Eccleston, the question was put, That the house proceed to the election of committee clerks? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Davis delivers a petition from John Jameson, praying he may be permitted to remove a slave into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Davis, Warfield and Bowles.

Mr. Marriott delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne Arundel county, praying a change in the time of holding the court of said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Marriott, Boyle and Wyvill.

On motion by Mr T. Kennedy, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act establishing the forms of oaths of office, and to repeal such parts of the constitution as are therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. T. Kennedy, Bowles, Wilson, Key and Hayward, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr R. Stevens, the following order was read:

Ordered, That \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ inform \_\_\_\_\_ that this house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

On motion by Mr. Allen, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Allen, S. Stevens, Dennis, Maulsby and Willis, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Key, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property of Saint Mary's county. Ordered, That Messrs. Key, Reeder and Plater, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, the following message was read and assented to:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 5, 1820.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

The house of delegates having formed a quorum, and appointed the honourable Tobias E. Stansbury Speaker, and John Brewer, Esq. Clerk, are ready to proceed to business from 9 o'clock, AM. until 3 o'clock, PM.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr J. P. Kennedy, Ordered, That Messrs. J. P. Kennedy and Key, wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that this house having formed a quorum, and being in session, are ready to receive any communication he may be disposed to make.

On motion by Mr. Millard, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. Ordered, That Messrs. Millard, Key and R. Stevens, prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, Ordered, That Messrs. Bowles, Stoddert and Boyle, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during the present session.

Mr. Key delivers a petition from Sarah Neale, of Saint Mary's county, praying for support for herself and children, by said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Key, Millard and Plater.

The speaker laid before the house communications from the treasurer and trustee of the state; which were read.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, Ordered, That Messrs. T. Kennedy, M. Pherson, J. Kennedy, Bowles, and Barney, be a committee to enquire whether ways and means cannot be devised to obtain the possession of the turnpike road leading from Cumberland to Baltimore, so as that the same, or part thereof, may be made a free road.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, December 6, 1820.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Henry Harding, Esq. a delegate returned for Montgomery county, William Reid, Esq. a delegate returned for Allegany county, and Frederick Boyer, Esq. a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, qualified, and took their seats.

Mr. Davis delivers a petition from Yate Plummer, of Frederick county, praying that a deed, to him from Susan Caton, formerly Susan Plummer, may be made valid; which was read and referred to Messrs. Davis, Bowles and Wilson.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a petition from Basil Spalding, of Charles county, praying that a deed to him from Walter Jenifer may be made valid; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Rogerson and Edelen.

Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, praying for a repeal of the law changing the time of holding the court of said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Posey and Edelen.

Mr. King delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for a law to prohibit the exportation of oysters out of the state; which was read and referred to Messrs. King, Dennis, W. Eccleston, Lake and D. Martin.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, Ordered, That the following committees be appointed, viz: a committee of claims, to consist of seven members; a committee of elections and privileges, to consist of seven members; a committee of grievances and rights of justice, to consist of five members; a committee of ways and means, to consist of seven members; and a committee of pensions and revolutionary claims, to consist of five members; and that the members to compose said committees be named by the speaker.

In pursuance whereof the speaker appointed Messrs. Bowles, Stevens, T. W. Hall, Frazier, Duvall,

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